

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

INTRODUCTION

FINDINGS OF FACT

3. At a phone conference held on December 8, 2006, the petitioner advised the hearing officer and the Department

that his probation officer has indicated that alternative ways may be explored to address his transportation problem if he is unsuccessful in this appeal.

ORDER

The Department's decision is affirmed.

REASONS

Unlike Medicaid (see W.A.M. § M755), the VHAP program does not cover medical transportation costs. In fact, VHAP specifically *excludes* all coverage for "travel (non-ambulance), even if prescribed by a physician". Procedures Manual § P-4005C3. The petitioner is not disabled and has no minor dependents. Therefore, he is not categorically eligible for Medicaid, and must rely solely on the limits of his VHAP coverage. Inasmuch as the Department's decision in this matter is in accord with the pertinent regulations, the Board is bound by law to affirm. 3 V.S.A. § 3091(d), Fair Hearing Rule No. 17.

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